Have you ever wondered “why”? Why was that person, in the prime of life, smitten by the ax of Fate? Why did another escape, miraculously, from an accident that in all logic should have resulted in fatality? This is the problem that the Pulitzer prize-winning novel “The Bridge of San Luis Rey” poses.

R. J. Schneider, assistant professor of the Theatre Arts department states that the excitement of the story lies in the theme, which is universally gripping to all of us, to the characters, in their complexities, and to the form, a synthesis of three complete stories interwoven by the threads of catastrophe.

This Reader’s Theatre production will be presented Nov. 5, 6 and 7. Included in the cast are: Darlene Brewer, Jeff Hendricks, Judy Mather, Nancy Brinker, Mike Drake, Jim Rinnert, Peg Johnson, Ed Allen, Sara Goliveauaux and Jim Miller.